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- 1. GOP, THROUGH MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, LICENSES EXPORTATION OF BASIC INDUSTRIAL MATERIALS WHICH PRINCIPALLY INCLUDE MAJOR MINERALS (LEAD, ZINC, AND COPPER) AND SMALL AMOUNT OF PETROLEUM. MECHANISM REQUIRES EXPORTER TO OBTAIN LICENSE FROM COMMERCE MINISTRY PRIOR TO EXPORT, ALTHOUGH MINEROPERU (STATE MINERALS AGENCY) AND PETROPERU (STATE OIL AGENCY) PRESENTLY AUTHORIZE ACTUAL SHIPMENTS. THIS SYSTEM CURRENTLY BEING STREAMLINED WITH COMMERCIAL FUNCTIONS OF BOTH THESE AGENCIES TO BE ABSORBED DIRECTLY INTO COMMERCE MINISTRY.
- 2. OFFICIAL GOP RATIONALE IS TO SUPPLY LOCAL DEMAND FIRST WHICH IS IN EMBASSY'S JUDGMENT, TRUE REASON FOR CONTROL SYSTEM. IN THIS REGARD, PERU USES ONLY SMALL QUANTITY OF MOST OF ITS MINERAL PRODUCTION AND IS ANXIOUS TO INCREASE MINERAL EXPORTS TO EARN FOREIGN EXCHANGE. PERU, OF COURSE, IS NET IMPORTER OF PETROLEUM, ALTHOUGH IT DOES EXPORT MINOR AMOUNT IN SPECIFIED CATEGORIES. IN NEITHER CASE OF PETROLEUM NOR MINERALS, HOWEVER, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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